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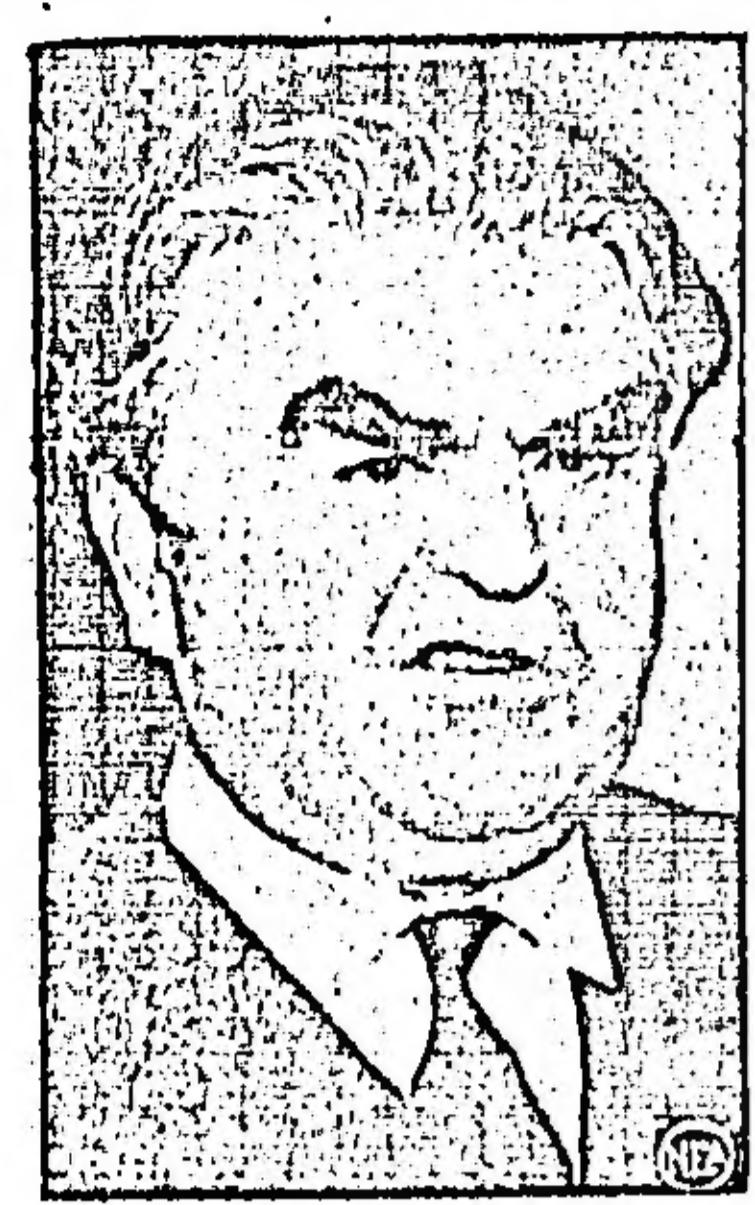
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Contempt Of Court Charge

Washington, Apr. 14.—Mr. John L. Lewis, President of the United Mineworkers of America, went on trial here today on a charge of contempt of court for not obeying a court order to call off the recent four-week strike of 400,000 coal miners.

Mr. Lewis pleaded not guilty through an attorney, who also entered this plea for the United Mineworkers to reject the charges.

Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough refused the plea of Mr. Lewis' lawyers to reject the charges.

The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow after the Government and the defense had stated their cases.—Reuter.

MONOPOLISTIC POWER

Pittsburgh, Apr. 14.—General Motors President, Charles E. Wilson, said today that the night coal miners' pension strike was an abuse of "monopolistic power" threatening public security.

Wilson said "it is time for Americans to quit quarrelling and start at work."

Although the miners were returning to work Wilson said there was no assurance that "this monopolistic power will not be used to paralyse the nation's industry within the next few weeks."

Wilson accused labour of using Communists to accomplish their goals and said "subversive elements are using the nation's unions to sabotage production and promote social and political unrest.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

A Campaign Is Needed

There is less inclination on the part of the public today to view the water shortage with complacency. The community is gradually realising that not only are our seasonal rains very much behind time, but that they may not now arrive early enough to avoid a catastrophe such as occurred in 1929. The disclosure by the authorities that our reservoirs now hold only enough water to maintain the Colony for 80 days is disquieting, and but slightly relieved by the news that there has been a saving of daily consumption in consequence of the enforced restrictions. It is extremely doubtful, however, whether the general public is making anything like the contribution it should and could towards lessening water consumption. This is very largely due to the authorities themselves, who have made no serious endeavour to campaign for wholesale water saving. The periodic statements on current water reserves, with vague references to the possibility of further restrictions, together with title appeals to the public to watch their taps and where possible use less water, are not sufficient to press home the gravity of the situation. The newspapers give as much publicity as possible, but not every amateur or householder can or does read the newspapers, and it is high time Government organised a campaign that would reach the ears of thousands who probably do not realise that Hong Kong is suffering an acute water shortage. In DMA days and since, certain departments, notably the Public Relations Office, the Health Authorities and the Police have run a succession of campaigns

No Provisional Govt. For West Germany Yet

BRITAIN & UNITED STATES CHANGE THEIR MINDS

Berlin, Apr. 14.—Britain and the United States have scrapped their plans for an early provisional West German Government, it was reported here today, and Russia, at the same time, reaffirmed her desire for four-power currency reform in Germany.

Allied sources here indicated that the Western powers would give greater political power to German bizonal economic institutions, instead of proclaiming any provisional government before Germany goes to the polls.

The British and American Military Governors, General Sir Brian Robertson and General Lucius Clay, attended today's session of the two-power Control Board in Frankfurt, understood to be discussing German proposals on Marshall aid to Germany, coal production, and the halting of the dismantling of industries.

The Russians today failed to send representatives to the British Commission called to inquire into the Viking-Yak air collision over Berlin in which 15 lives were lost.

British representatives began the inquiry without them, after waiting 15 minutes in case they should turn up. Thirteen witnesses, all British technical experts, were to be heard. American and French observers were present at the inquiry.

Plans for a joint Anglo-Soviet Inquiry have not gone forward because the Russians do not agree to the calling of American or German witnesses.

CURRENCY REFORM

A Russian official statement in today's *Taegliche Rundschau*, the Soviet Military Government organ, denied what it called the "provisional reports" in West German papers that the Russians had declined to discuss currency reform for the whole of Germany.

"They aim," said the Russians, "at preparing a separate currency reform in Western Germany."

Such action "will destroy the German State and plunge Germany into economic chaos," the Soviet statement declared. Russia had suggested that an all-Germany currency reform should be established as a matter of principle.

The Communist-sponsored People's Congress has notified the four Allied commanders that it intends holding a referendum of the German people on the question of

German unity at the end of next month.

It was not known here today whether the Western Allies would assent.

In Vienna, Soviet guards today relaxed their restrictions on British movements through the zonal barriers at Semmering Pass.

They let both lorries and trains pass through with only the production of the grey four-power passes, without photographs, which they had previously declared were insufficient identification.

A British convoy went through the pass after a 10-minute delay, and military trains were held up in the same place for only a few minutes.—Reuter.

REQUEST FOR AID

Frankfurt, Apr. 14.—Germany today asked the Western powers for £490 million for Bizonal aid under the European recovery programme—more than 30 percent of the total \$5,300 million (£1,325 million) allocated by the American Congress for the 16 nations taking part in the Marshall Plan.

The German request was contained in the final German draft for Bizonal aid presented to the British and American Military Governors by German bipartite officials.

It was understood that the Germans had urged the commanders to increase by £7,500,000 the £237,500,000 requests for food, seed and fertilisers.

They said the increased food allocation figure was due to rises in prices.

General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor, said tonight, after a meeting with the British and French Governors, General Sir Brian Robertson and General Pierre Koenig, that the future of the three Western Zones was not discussed.

The three Governors spent most of the meeting discussing the statements the French and British generals will make tomorrow at the Marshall Plan Conference in Paris.—Reuter.

WILL MAINTAIN RIGHTS

Washington, Apr. 14.—The United States would not sacrifice any of her essential rights in Berlin, Mr. Robert Lovett, acting Secretary of State, said at a press conference here today.

Mr. Lovett said the United States Government was in the closest contact with the Military Commander in Berlin, and would follow the line which was most appropriate to compose the recent differences between the Russian and American authorities there without sacrificing any essential rights.

He made the statement when asked to comment on the suggestion that the United States and Soviet Governments should negotiate with each other directly instead of through the Russian and American authorities in Berlin, in order to settle the present breakdown of the four-power administration there.

Mr. Lovett said the flight of B-29 Superfortresses now on their way to Fürstenfeldbruck, in the American Zone of Germany, was a routine training mission.

He described the rumour of flights over Italy as "lights of fancy" and denied the bombers would fly over Italy during next Sunday's election as a demonstration of American strength.

He also said there was no truth in reports disseminated by the Communists in Italy that the United States was planning to use Sicily as a base for aeroplanes and atomic weapons.—Reuter.

No News Of Stranded Passengers

Shanghai, Apr. 15.—Mystery still surrounds the fate of more than 500 passengers of the steamer Wan Lee, who landed in Communist area in Shantung after their vessel grounded and sank on Monday.

Up to this morning, no news has yet been received of the whereabouts and safety of the passengers. Throughout yesterday, the offices of the Fuming Steamship Company, owners of the ship, were packed with relatives of the passengers. Shouting and crying, they asked for more information about the ship, and her passengers, and demanded that the company officials take immediate steps to rescue the stranded passengers.—Reuter.

The countries mentioned were the United States, Britain, France, Belgium, and Syria.

It was understood that M. Andre Gromyko (Russia) suggested the

whole matter should be "discussed in the open," and proposed the entire problem should be thrashed out in a public meeting of the Security Council.

A paragraph on the composition of the commission was left open for further consideration.

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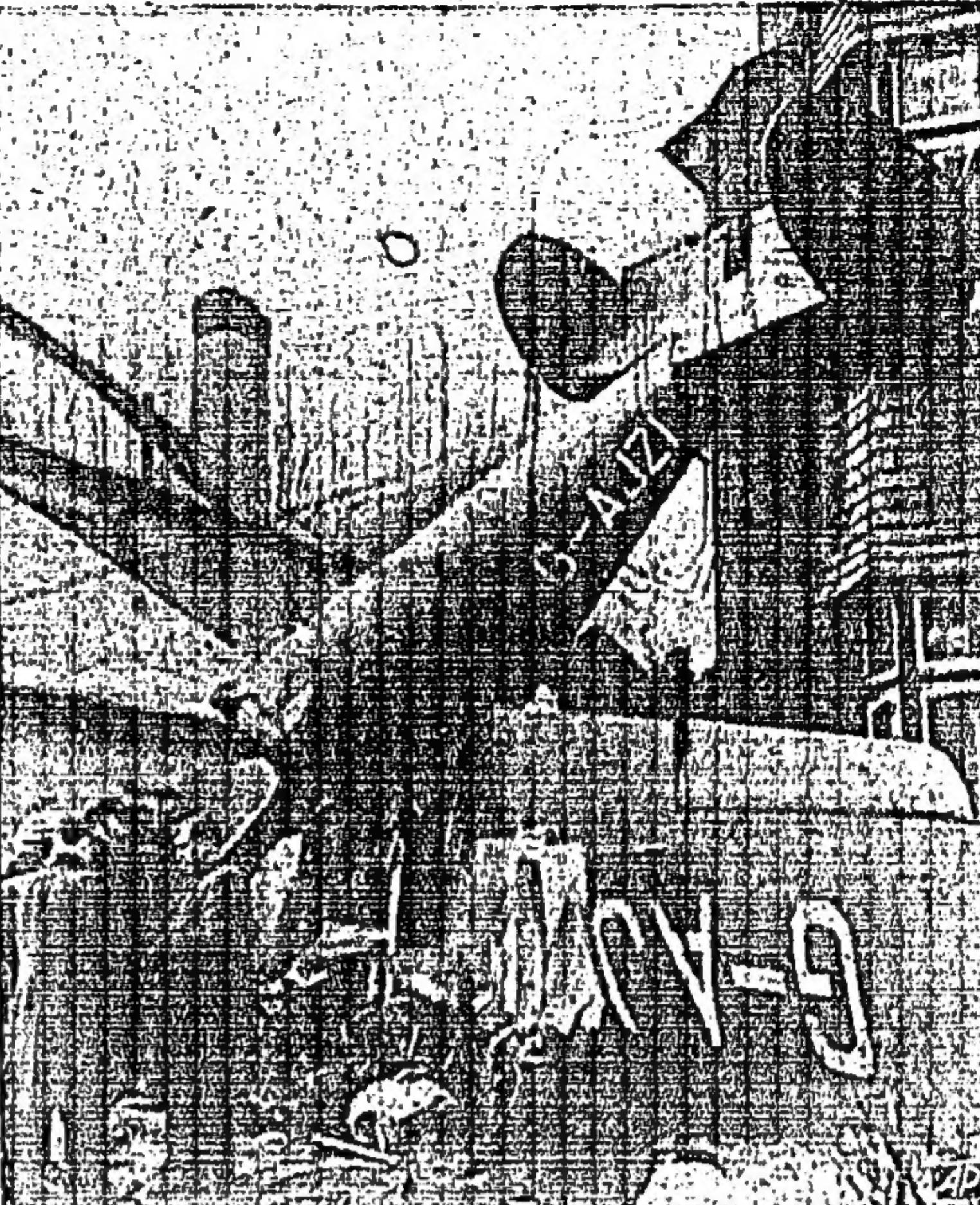
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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



BRITISH-AMERICAN FILM AGREEMENT—Eric Johnston (centre), president of the Motion Picture Association of America, signs a new agreement in London to admit more U.S. films. Harold Wilson (left), President of the Board of Trade, and James Mulvey (right), representing the Society of Independent Movie Producers, look on.



WOMAN JET PILOT KILLED—Police inspect wreckage of a twin-engined chartered plane that crashed into a garden at the edge of Croydon airport, killing co-pilot Mrs Patricia Beverley and injuring the pilot and two passengers. Mrs Beverley was believed to be the only woman to have flown a jet plane.



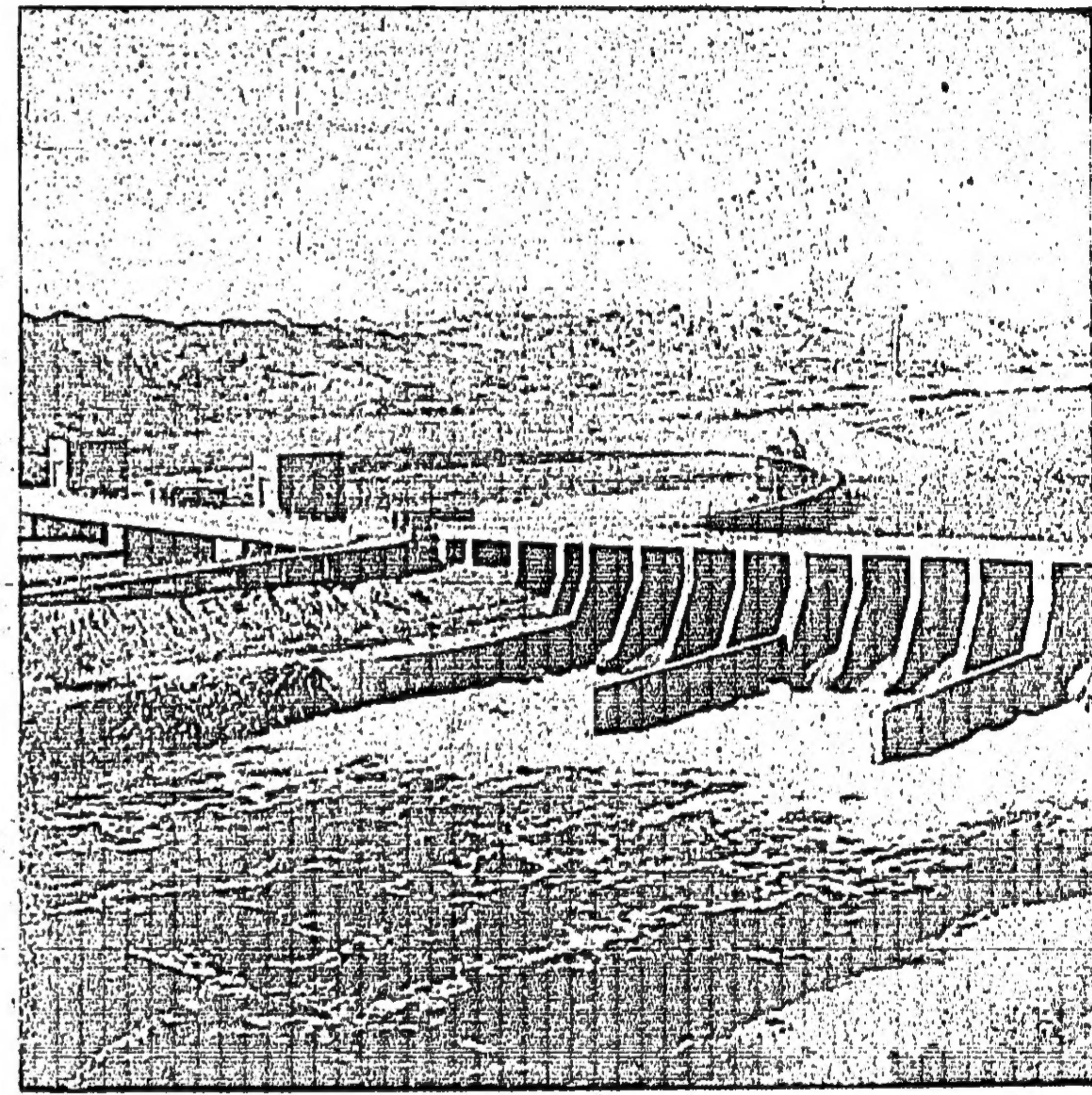
ON WAY TO HEAR SENTENCE—Maj-Gen Bennett E. Meyers (left) walks up steps to a court building in Washington, D.C. He was sentenced to serve from 20 months to five years in prison. A jury convicted the former U.S. Air Force procurement officer on three counts of inducing a former business associate to lie to a Senate committee.



MATURE MARRIES SOCIETY GIRL—Movie actor Victor Mature and his bride, Mrs Dorothy Stanford Berry, Pasadena (California) society matron, are shown following their marriage at Yuma, Arizona. It was Mature's third marriage.



THIS IS HOW—Marcel Cerdan, French middleweight champion, demonstrates to Maurice Chevalier how he stopped Laverne Roach in a recent bout at New York's Madison Square Garden. Between them, Cerdan and Chevalier are the biggest money magnets that have visited the U.S. from France since the war.



HELP FOR CALIFORNIA CROPS—Water from the Imperial Dam on the Colorado River near Blythe, California, is diverted to the Imperial and Coachella valleys to help drought-threatened farms. Crops in the Imperial valley are valued at U.S.\$100,000,000. The drought was one of the worst in the state's history.



DE VALERA IN NEW YORK—Eamon De Valera (left), former Prime Minister of Eire, is greeted by Grover A. Whalen (lower right), chairman of the New York Mayor's official reception committee, at LaGuardia Field.

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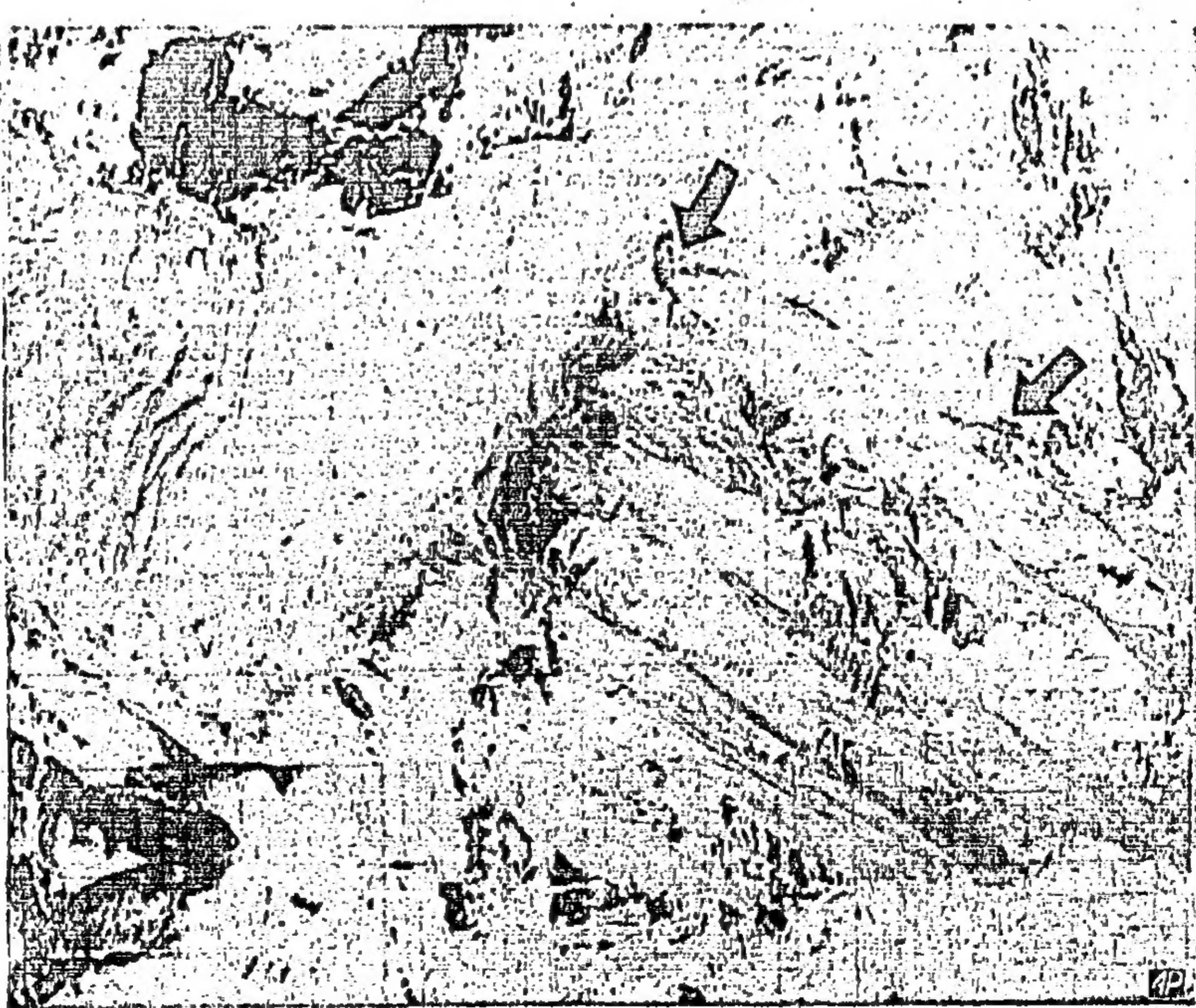
Three tablets are taken three times daily. Commenced in the early stages of a cold, this often clears up the attack in 3 to 4 days. Serocalcin is suitable for adults and children.

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GLACIER TOMB OF BIG PLANE AND PASSENGERS—Authorities say it is improbable that the bodies of 30 persons, victims of a Northwest Airlines DC-4 crash, will be recovered from the icy slopes of Mount Sanford, 16,208-foot crag-ridden peak 190 miles northeast of Anchorage, Alaska. This general air view of the scene shows where the plane exploded on impact (upper arrow). Faint trail drops a sheer 2,500 feet to where the wreckage came to rest (lower arrow) atop an active glacier.

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FARMERS ORDERED TO MOVE

OCCUPYING LAND WITHOUT PERMITS

A group of farmers staying on a plot of land in Boundary Street which Government intends to convert into a recreation ground, were ordered to move out by the end of the month by Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning.

Twenty-three summonses for occupying Crown Land without a permit which had been cancelled were heard by the Magistrate.

Mr S. A. Fowler said ample notice had been given the farmers who had known about it at least September that the permit would not be renewed. Their petition to the PWD had been refused as Government wanted to turf the land in May.

At Mr Fowler's request, the Magistrate fined four of the men the equivalent of the fees they owed and cautioned the rest. He told them that if they did not clear their huts and other possessions, by the end of the month, Government would clear them.

S.A. Rumjahn

Strains Leg

Owing to a leg muscle injury sustained while playing in the singles yesterday, S. A. Rumjahn will be unable to partner H. D. Rumjahn in the Open doubles quarter-final on the Stand Court this afternoon against the Tsui brothers.

Instead, Kenneth and Thomas Lo will meet Choy Ping-fan and Lee Yue-wing in a quarter-final match.

KIDNAPPING: 2 ARRESTED

Police last night arrested two men in connection with the kidnapping of a 40 year old resident of Sun village, Shataukoo on April 10.

The man, who was abducted from his home by three armed men was held to ransom for \$10,000.

He was kept captive in a pillbox, but managed to escape.

However, he was robbed of \$4,000, a watch and a gold ring.

ARMED ROBBERY

Another armed robbery was carried out last night.

Nine men, armed with three revolvers, broke in three houses in Shueung Tong village, Tsunwan, and robbed the inmates of clothing, money and jewellery to the total value of \$1,000.

They broke into the houses about 10 o'clock last night and did not leave until 2.30 this morning.

Hut Used As Food Factory

For keeping a food factory in a hut on Third Street, without a licence, Lam Kun, 28, was sentenced to three months by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning. Inspector Brownrigg stated that defendant had been warned twice against operating the shop without a licence, but did not heed the warning.

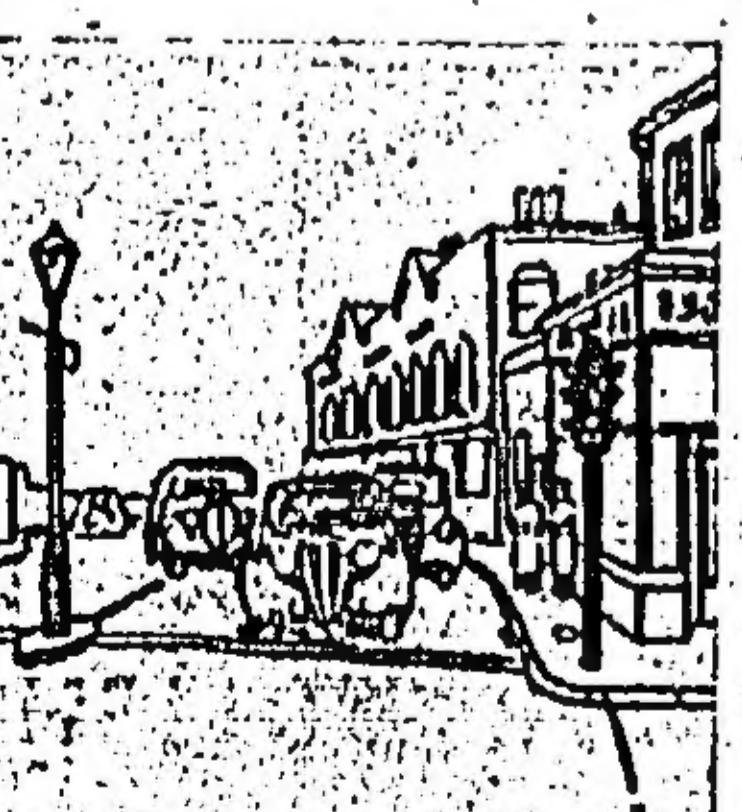
Sentencing defendant, his Worship said that the health authorities here were trying to keep the health figures down and it was people like defendant who were doing these things to spread disease.

CAUGHT WITH OPIUM

A fine of \$2,200 or three months was imposed by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning on Li Loong, 50, crew member of the ss Tjilatjengka which arrived in Hongkong yesterday, for possession of 22 fuels of raw opium and an opium pipe. Mr Redman said the drug and the pipe were concealed under the floor boards of a store, the key to which was in charge of defendant.

Defendant pleading for leniency said he had since lost his job.

ROAD SENSE . (12)



Whatever his intentions may be, the driver of this car is wrongly placed. He is monopolising the roadway.

PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY



Rita Vane's stand-in, Cherry, takes the 'poisoned' cake and collapses, as called for in the film script

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RECORD TRADING

I mentioned at the outset that this year's trading constituted a record in the history of the Company. I will not burden you with details as I am sure you have already seen evidence of the widening and expanding of the Company's activities in the Colony. I might mention, however, that during the year under review the following branches and establishments were rehabilitated and re-opened—Peak Branch, Kowloon Branch at 64 Nathan Road, Tin Kau Road House, Gloucester Lounge, Kai Tak Buffet, Soda Fountain Restaurants at Salisbury Road and Pokfulam, Klopki (2) at Repulse Bay.

You may have noted from a recent Press report in connection with the new Telephone Company Building in Kowloon that arrangements were in hand whereby the ground floor of that building will be rented to a firm of caterers. The firm referred to is this Company and I am pleased to report that the arrangements mentioned are practically completed. I think you will agree that this is a sound move since it will provide greatly improved shopping facilities to Kowloon residents.

Our latest development is at Shek-O where an area of land has been rented and on which a sectional wooden hut 70' x 20' has been erected. This will provide an amenity hitherto lacking at Shek-O and help to popularise the beaches there to an even greater extent.

With these remarks I now formally propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and when this has been seconded I shall endeavour to answer to the best of my ability any questions which Shareholders may wish to ask.

SECONDER'S SPEECH

Rising to second the motion, Mr D. L. Strellett, said:

I rise with a sense of privilege as well as responsibility to second the proposal of the Chairman for the adoption of the Report and Accounts.

I wish first of all to thank him personally for the very lucid and comprehensive survey which he has given us of the Company's activities for the year ending December 31, 1947.

In regard to the accounts, it is significant of the desire of the Company to meet public demands and act in a spirit of public service that the working profit is in fact lower this year, in spite of an increase in turnover, as a result of a policy of reducing actual profit margins wherever possible.

The capital, as we know, has been increased considerably and the programme of expansion for which this capital has been secured can only be described as impressive.

The Board appears to have been in no difficulty in providing for the building schemes, the increase and replenishment of pedigree stock as well as the important project of cold storage extension, all of which represent some of the earlier plans envisaged by the Company in the course of its rehabilitation.

The Company further appears to be well secured by appropriations for Profit Tax and contingencies and we note that ample margins have been left where liabilities still await to be established by assessment or legislation.

There are two special matters affecting finance on which I feel sure the shareholders desire to express their endorsement of the policy of the Board.

TRIBUTE TO STAFF

The first of these is the proposal to reserve any surplus of the appropriation for estimated Corporation Tax towards the establishment of the staff Provident Fund and the Chinese Superannuation Fund on a level which will give the Company's staff that sense of security which I am sure we all feel they have already earned.

I have the impression that no organisation in this Colony can claim to receive a higher standard of service, enthusiasm and loyalty from its staff than this Company. We expect in due course to hear what schemes have been evolved for their benefit.

The second item for which provision is wisely being made at an early date is to meet the situation which will arise through the possibility of the Company being dispossessed of its almost traditional villa on the southern slopes of the Island. Although it may still be several years before a new situation will have to be provided for,

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It is not too early for both financial and technical questions to be explored.

We welcome the extension of the Company's catering and retail business, and, in regard to the former, it may well be that, within measurable distance of time, the facilities afforded by this Company and the standards of catering which it has established will become ubiquitous throughout the Colony and, possibly, further abroad.

In congratulating the Board, Management and Staff for the past year's work, I beg to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts. This was carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was proposed by Mr N. V. A. Croucher, seconded by Mr S. Hampden Ross, and carried unanimously, that Dr. Hon. S. N. Chau and Mr R. Gordon be re-elected, Directors.

It was proposed by Major G. W. L. Way, seconded by Mr C. L. Gregory, and carried unanimously, that Messrs Percy Smith & Co. be re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$10,000.

Present at the meeting were: Mr N. O. C. Marsh (Chairman), Dr. the Hon. S. N. Chau, Messrs R. Gordon, S. M. Churn, Mr Lal, E. S. Abram, C. L. Gregory, M. Nemecze, A. P. S. Cassidy, R. K. Valentine, and C. I. Stapleton.

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Colombia-Soviet Relations

Bogota, Apr. 14.—Dr. Eduardo Zuleta Angel, the Colombian Foreign Minister, denied here today that Colombia had broken off diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

"We have taken no definite action yet," he said, "declaring that the radio report of the breach on Sunday was 'premature'."

He offered no explanation for the report, which followed the charge that Communists had inspired and led the weekend revolt.—Reuter.

DOCTORS TO VOTE AGAIN

London, Apr. 14.—Britain's medical profession is to hold a second plebiscite on the Government's Health Service, due to start on July 5.

Fifty-six thousand doctors will be asked to reconsider whether they should co-operate in the Service now that the Minister of Health, Mr Aneurin Bevan, has agreed that they will not be compelled to accept the basic State paid salary unless they are in the first three years of their practice.

The decision on another plebiscite—the first one overwhelmingly rejected service under the present Bill on the ground that it paved the way for a full-time State service—was taken tonight by the Council of the British Medical Association.—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary,
Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

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Notice To Shareholders

Ordinary Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at Noon, to receive and consider the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

Closing of Transfer Books

Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, C. E. TERRY, Manager and Secretary, Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

Reds In Full Retreat Around Peiping

Communist Forces Sandwiched

Shanghai, Apr. 15.—The Communists in the area of Peiping are in full retreat before the blows of the Nationalist reinforcements, but reports from Mukden claimed that the Reds are beginning to mass unknown strength around the Manchurian citadel amid forecasts that a spring offensive would soon be launched.

Fifty miles east of Peiping, two Communist divisions broke off attacks on towns in that sector and began to retreat in the direction of Miyun—a small station on the railway leading to Jehol.

A United Press dispatch from Peiping said the Communists, sandwiched between local garrisons and reinforcements from Peiping, were routed with heavy losses after a fierce engagement. Government reports said the Nationalists registered the success after a three-day fight.

Assembly Delegates In Critical Mood

Nanking, Apr. 15.—China's minority groups were unanimous in a denunciation of the Government at yesterday's session of the National Assembly for its "flagrant neglect" of their welfare and interests.

Students March On Assembly

Nanking, Apr. 15.—More than 200 students attempted to march into the National Assembly yesterday afternoon to present an impeachment of the Anhwei Governor, General Li Ping-hsi, when police and Gendarmes blocked their way about 30 yards from the Assembly hall.

Parading down the main street leading to the hall, shouting slogans and distributing handbills, the students were stopped at the Western archway, specially built to celebrate the Assembly, where four huge army trucks were backed against their entry in a row.

Then from behind one of the trucks, Mr Pan Kung-chuan, Chairman of the Shanghai City Government, issued an appeal to them for reason and promised to take all their demands personally to the President of the Assembly.

TRUCKS MOVE FIRST

Though Mr Pan spoke with convincing sincerity, the students refused to withdraw until a "gentleman's agreement" was reached. The students considered an insult to them, should move away first. With this, both sides complied.

In their petition to the Assembly, the students who said that they represented all those Nanking schools coming from Anhwei Province, demanded the removal and prosecution of Governor Li Ping-hsi on the following charges: misappropriation of Provincial funds; harbouring corrupt officials; reaping personal profit while accepting the Japanese surrender and intelligence with the enemy during the war.—Reuter-AAP.

The Taiwan delegate said that previous to V-J Day the island had sound foundations in education, economy and social system. "But these were all destroyed after the Government took over from the Japanese."—United Press.

Anxiety Over Japanese Peace Treaty

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Apr. 14.—Mr. C. P. Mayhew, Under-secretary for Foreign Affairs, yielded to pressure in the House of Commons today when questioned concerning the Japanese treaty.

Mr. Mayhew was asked to press for an answer from the United States regarding the Japanese treaty.

Replying, the Under-secretary said: "We are agreed about the need for hastening the treaty procedure, and we are in touch with the United States."

Mr. W. Teeling (Cons.): Does the Under-secretary realize that an answer given to questions in the House of Commons on January 21 stated that no reply had been received from the United States? Does the Under-secretary realize the Dominions' anxiety, and the anxiety of Yorkshire and Lancashire concerning the unpreparation of a peace treaty for signature?

Mr. Mayhew was asked whether the Foreign Secretary, in the forthcoming foreign affairs debate would make a statement concerning the treaty.

Opinion in Britain is anxious concerning the absence of preparation of a Japanese treaty.

The Manchester Guardian declares: "In the present circumstances treaty-making could hardly result in anything except further quarrels between Russia and the West. But nobody gains from the delay."

Continuing, the paper says: "Economic initiative cannot be expected until Japan knows what reparations are payable."

The Manchester Guardian expresses the hope that the Draper Mission (a group of American business men who visited Japan and is now reporting back to Washington) may encourage Americans to act co-operatively for the preparation of a

treaty and the formulation of a definite American policy.

The extent of British political concern was indicated by another parliamentary question yesterday, when Mr. Teeling asked about the Far Eastern Commission's disarmament measures for Japan.

Mr. Mayhew, in reply, quoted two well-known FEC directives "to provide for complete disarmament in Japan."

However, Mr. Teeling pressed the point by asking: "Are the hundreds of thousands of Japanese troops which have returned to Japan secretly rearming?"

Reds In Control

Bucharest, Apr. 14.—All Rumanian economic ministries are today in the hands of the Communists following last night's re-shuffle of the Cabinet, Dr. Petre Groza as Premier.

The Communists took over the posts of Mines, Agriculture, Forest and Industry.—Reuter.

Dingy Adventure

The Hague, Apr. 14.—Hans Nordenstrom, the 20-year-old Swedish student who left Britain in a small dinghy for Stockholm last month, hoped to reach Flushing today.

At Flushing, he will visit the Swedish Consul to have his papers

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